

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

RAIL TRANSPORT DISRUPTION

The RMT Union has announced strike action on the rail network this week. Strikes are planned on Tuesday 21 June, Thursday 23 June and Saturday 25 June. On these dates only around half of Britain's rail network will be open. Lines that are open are expected to have a very limited service: approximately 20% of the normal service running from around 7.30am until 6.30pm. Passengers are advised to expect disruption throughout the whole week, including the days where no strike action is scheduled.

On Thursday, the school is closed for our planned non-pupil day, for staff training and our Open Evening. Pupils helping at the Open Evening will need to make plans that do not rely on train transport.

Network Rail have released a [statement](#), and National Rail have also released an [FAQ](#) where answers to common questions can be found. Individual train operators have begun to publish their individual strike timetables, which can be accessed on [their websites](#). The DfE is advising all schools and teachers to ensure that pupils and parents are aware of the strikes, and where necessary to make alternative plans to get to school and to attend their exams, and has also published an Education Hub piece on [how rail strikes will affect schools](#).

We recognise the challenges that some pupils will experience as a result of the rail transport disruption. We appreciate that pupils may need to set out earlier or travel home later in order to attend school, and understand that some pupils may arrive late, unavoidably – even if they set out in good time – *although this exemption does not apply to examination candidates*.

Thank you to all parents for making sensible alternative travel plans to ensure continuity of attendance and learning through this week.

Yours sincerely

Robin M. Bevan
Headteacher

